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The Honorable Dennis V. McGinn
Assistant Secretary of the Navy - Energy, Installations & Environment
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

RE: Joint Land Use Study – Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and City of Long Beach

Dear Secretary McGinn:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support the nomination of the East San Pedro Bay for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) by Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, in conjunction with the City of Long Beach.

The City of Long Beach is currently the local-sponsor for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project, which is being led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District. The project is in the feasibility study phase and aims to (1) Restore the ecosystem in the East San Pedro Bay, (2) Improve water quality, and (3) Increase recreational opportunities in the East San Pedro Bay.

It is our understanding that a JLUS will assist local jurisdictions with identifying opportunities to minimize or eliminate potential incompatibilities between future land or water uses, and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach operations. With respect to the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project, the JLUS may be able to augment the Army Corps' feasibility study with respect to determining either the degree of change Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach can accommodate in the East San Pedro Bay, or alternatives for adjusting the current explosives anchorage in the project area.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach strongly supports a JLUS between Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and City of Long Beach with respect to the East San Pedro Bay. Please note that should the City's nomination be accepted, the Long Beach City Council would still need to approve the study before the City can commit to a cost-share or accept grant funds.

Sincerely,

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cc: Captain Tripp Hardy, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Seal Beach
Colonel Kimberly Colloton, Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District